

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Property Address:	3635 Ordway Street NW		Agenda
Landmark/District:	Cleveland Park Historic District	X	Consent Calendar
Meeting Date:	February 28, 2013	X	Concept Review
H.P.A. Number:	13-151		New Construction
Staff Reviewer:	Anne Brockett	X	Alteration

Owners Dan and Jayetta Hecker, represented by Angela Yu of Cunningham Quill Architects. seek conceptual design review to widen the driveway at this house in the Cleveland Park Historic District. The house was constructed with its next door neighbor in 1922 for Vola Matthews, as designed by George Santmyers.

Project Description and Evaluation

The project calls for widen the original eight-foot wide driveway to ten feet by shifting the eastern retaining wall two feet to the east. This wall is currently out of plumb and in need of repair. The new wall will align with the side wall of the house to maintain the historic relationship of the house to the ground and then shift over to a width of ten feet for the remainder of the driveway's length.

The HPO has requested that the historic rusticated cast stone blocks be reused for the new wall, although some supplemental split face concrete blocks may be necessary to increase the height slightly to accommodate the higher grade. The new material will be introduced along the bottom-most course and/or concentrated at the house end of the driveway, where it will be least visible. The wall will step down towards the street to return to its existing height at the sidewalk. [While the applicants have agreed to reuse the existing block, the plans do not yet reflect this change from the originally proposed parged CMU wall, although the elevations do show some reuse of the blocks.]

Recommendation

The HPO recommends that the Board find the concept to be consistent with the purposes of the preservation act, and delegate final approval to staff, with the following provisions:

- The relocated, reconstructed retaining wall will be clad in the original block and will be no higher than necessary to retain the existing grade.*
- The resurfaced concrete driveway will be tinted to match the existing condition.*